

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended/withdrawn) ~~The~~ A mop swab comprising a plurality of ribbons as set forth in Claim 14 wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally of the swab in a bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

6-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A yarn substitute comprising:
~~outer layers~~ an outer layer of inexpensive waste material folded onto itself to form an upper outer layer and a lower outer layer; and

an inner layer of inexpensive waste material between said upper and lower outer layers,

said ~~outer and~~ inner layer and said upper and lower outer layers being connected together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer layers by a connection extending through the outer layers and inner layer to maintain

the inner layer between the upper and lower outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner layer relative to the outer layer.

14. (currently amended) An elongate ribbon comprising a strip of absorbent outer non-woven fabric at least folded ~~double~~ over onto itself longitudinally to form upper and lower outer fabric layers and filled with an absorbent inner waste from non-woven materials to form a sandwich structure, the outer fabric layers and inner filling being connected together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer layers by a connection extending through the outer layers and inner filling to maintain the inner filling between the outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the outer layers.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended/withdrawn) An elongate ribbon according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14, wherein there are a plurality of elongate ribbons each having a distal end, a proximal end, each said proximal end being connected to a fixture and each said distal end being free.

17. (currently amended/withdrawn) The elongate ribbon as claimed in claim 16, wherein each of said plural elongate ribbons are folded ~~double~~ over themselves along a respective longitudinal axis.

18. (currently amended/withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein said ~~yarn~~ yarn substitute is formed into a plurality of ribbons.

19. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally in bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

20. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons are formed of a non-woven material.

21. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons have margins which are joined together.

22. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 21, wherein the margins are connected by one of stitching and fabric rolling.

23. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein the waste material of both the inner and outer layers is absorbent.